SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works) and Electricity).—

(*a*) No. The Scheme contemplates both construction of rural roads and improvements to exisiting rural roads.

(*b*) Under R.C. Programme ... 64.20

Rural Employment ... 10.00

(in K.ms.)

(*c*) As 80 K.ms. per Taluka under R.C. Programme is only an average per Taluka and there is no minimum mileage fixed, the question of shortfall in this Taluka does not arise.

Upper Bhima Irrigation Project in Afzalpur Taluk

495. SRI D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—

Will the Minister of State for Major Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the stage at which the Upper Bhima Irrigation Project in Afzalpur Taluk of Gulbarga District is pending ;

(*b*) the estimated cost of the Project and the area likely to be irrigated and the names of taluks that will benefit ;

(*c*) whether the Government proposes to take up the said Project at the earliest in view of the acute drought recurring in that area ?

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Minister of State for Major Irrigation).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Project is under investigation.

(*c*) This is a Major Project and can be taken up after it is finalised and approved.

Barrage-*Cum*-Bridge on Manjra River at Saigaon

587. SRI BAPURAO ANAND RAO (Basavakalyan).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether all the State M. L. As., M. L. Cs. and M. Ps. have represented to the Government to take up the barrage-*cum*-bridge on the Manjra River at Saigaon in Bhalki Taluka of Bidar District;